Allocation of Central Budget amount on establishment charges and DA to Central Government employees

2529. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what percentage of the Central Budget is allocated on the establishment charges annually; and

(b) what percentage of the Budget is allocated to meet the expenditure on Dearness Allowance to the Central Government employees and what is the expenditure involved over and above the Budget allocation on this account as and when Dearness Allowance to Central Government employees is sanctioned with the rise in the Price Index?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) In the Revised estimates for 1987-88, establishment charges (Salaries and Allowances) constitute 11.2% of the total expenditure of the Central Government.

(b) Dearness allowance constituted approximately 1% of the total expenditure in the Revised estimates of 1987-88. Suitable provision is invariably included in the Budget towards additional D.A. instalments likely to be sanctioned in the year to Central Government employees.

Coverage of International Conference on Jute

2530. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had hosted International Conference on Jute in New Delhi from 31st October to 8th November, 1988;

(b) whehter accredited correspondents of headquarters of Government of India were invited to cover the proceedings of the Conference;

(c) whether the Information Officer of the Ministry issued admission cards (special) to a selected few journalists;

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether several journalists complained for not providing special cards of the Conference?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) and

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) No, Sir.

Amalgamation of claims of November, 1984 riot victims for the purpose of ex-gratia payments

2531. SARDAR JAGJIT SINGH AURORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to amalgamate the claims of November, 1984 riot victims who were having more than one uninsured business establishments for the purpose of *ex-gratia* payments;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for which Government have decided to go against Justice Ranganath Commission Report where it is clearly mentioned that each and every business loss is to be liberally compensated; and

(c) how many such cases are on record in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) It has been decided to

club all the business losses of an individual and then work out the amount of *ex-gratia* payable to him. This decision is not contrary to the recommendations of Justice Ranganath Misra Commission of Inquiry.

(c) Delhi Administration have received a total of 6020 claims out of which 2175 have already been finalised.

Collection of revenue

2532. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched an action plan for 1988-89 for the Income Tax Department to achieve the twin objective of maximum collection of revenue and disposal of all assessments by the year end; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Under the Action Plan for the financial year 1988-89, the Department proposes to complete all pending assessments except cases which may remain pending for reasons of investigation and/or of being subjudice.

It proposes to reduce the total outstanding demand as on 1.4.1989 by 10% as compared to the total outstanding demand as on 1.4.1988.

Foreign exchange remittances from West Asia

2533. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI. Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the foreign exchange remittances received by India from Indian nationals working in the oil-exploring countries in West Asia rose sharply during the last three years; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Countrywise information regarding remittances sent by Indians working abroad is not maintained by the Reserve Bank of India.

कपास का उत्पादन

2534. **श्री विश्वास राव रामराव पाटिल :** क्या **वस्त्र** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पर्याप्त वर्षा के कारण इस वर्ष कपास का रिकार्ड उत्पादन होने की संभावना है और महाराष्ट्र में कम से कम कपास की 20 लाख गांठों का उत्पादन होने की संभावना है और अब यह आशंका उत्पन्न हो गई है कि कपास का अत्यधिक उत्पादन होने से कपास के मूल्य इस हद तक कम हो जायेंगे कि उनके समर्थन मूल्य से भी नीचे चले जाने की संभावना है, जिससे किसानों को भारी हानि होने की संभावना है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार निर्यात हेतु कपास की चार लाख गांठों का कोटा महाराष्ट्र सरकार को आबंटित करने का विचार रखती है ; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण है ?

वस्त्र मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री रफीक आलम) : (क) से (ग) चालू रूई वर्ष के दौरान , देश में रूई का उत्पादन इस समय 108 लाख गांठों का आंका गया है जबकि महाराष्ट्र में इसका 18.50 लाख गांठें होने का अनुमान लगाया गया है । चालू रूई